

THE REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants are electing Group II, Claims 22-56, which are drawn to an electrode protecting layer, having conductive filler.

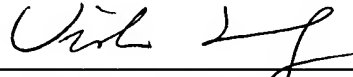
In response to the species election requirement, Applicants are electing (II) carbon black, graphite, carbon nanotube conductive filler.

Claims 22-28, 33-41, 46-51, and 53-56 read upon the elected species.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Respectfully submitted,

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